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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170
and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

Individuals like myself cannot afford a regular cell phone that incurs a monthly billing. My tracphone is only used for emergency's in my car. After having an auto accident two years ago and not being able to reach someone to pick my children up, I had to come up with an alternative. Along came the tracphone with the alternative to a monthly cell phone cost. The price I pay per minute for that phone is already almost unaffordable, but I have to be able to call for help in the case of such an emergency. Please consider all the individuals, like myself, who are in this boat and just trying to keep afloat with rising costs of everything else. Thank you for consideration in this matter.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

Peggy Burkart
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CC: FCC Subcommittee Members